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Greek Tinned Bronze Chalcidian Helmet

An ancient Greek bronze helmet of Chalcidian type with tinned surface, pointed nose guard, openings for the ears, flanged neck guard, hinged cheek pieces with embossed concentric rings and scroll patterns.



Ca. 350 - 200 BC.
Height: 13 1/2 in. (34.4 cm).

The Chalcidian type helmet began to replace the more restrictive Corinthian type helmet on the Greek battlefield in the 5th century BC. The Chalcidian helmet is characterized by its carinated design and diminutive cheek pieces that left the face exposed and provided openings for the ears. This helmet type was especially popular in Southern Italy in the Classical and Hellenistic Periods.

cf. for similar examples, R. Hixenbaugh and A. Valdman, Ancient Greek Helmets: a Complete Guide and Catalog, (New York, 2019), cat. nos. X281 - X282).

Formerly in a Dutch private collection prior to 2000; subsequently British private collection.

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